

Vacancy Details

Personnel Notice: 64-15
Date Announced: 06/22/2015
Closing Date: 7/6/2015
Command: AGC (L)
Grade: GS-15
Type: Senior Trial Attorney

There is a vacancy for the position of Senior Trial Attorney within the Naval Litigation Office, Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Navy. The position is located at the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

The Naval Litigation Office is part of the Office of the General Counsel for the Department of the Navy, which generally provides all legal services throughout the Department in the area of commercial law, including the conduct of litigation arising in the incumbent's areas of responsibility. Consistent with the procedures and policies of the Office of the General Counsel and the Naval Litigation Office, the incumbent will represent the Department of the Navy in environmental litigation, including defending claims under CERCLA, RCRA, and other statutes for contamination of real property. In addition, the incumbent will represent the Navy in defending allegations under such environmental statutes as the ESA, MMPA, NEPA, and other federal and state environmental laws. The incumbent will work closely with Department of Justice attorneys. The cases are demanding, may involve hundreds of millions of dollars and/or affect Navy operations, and frequently require working with high-ranking officials.

The successful applicant must have a minimum of five-and-a-half years of recent and relevant legal experience, including demonstrated experience in environmental litigation and discovery. Candidates will be evaluated on the following: (1) litigation experience; (2) depth and quality of experience in environmental law; (3) excellence in legal analysis; (4) excellence in written and oral communication skills; and (5) interpersonal skills necessary to work cooperatively and effectively on difficult tasks under time pressure with people of diverse interests. Experience with site remediation issues and government contracts is a plus, as is knowledge and experience with regulatory agencies, the environmental policies and practices of the Department of Defense, and the structure and organization of the Department of the Navy.

The successful applicant must have graduated from a law school that is accredited by the American Bar Association, be an active member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, U.S. Commonwealth, U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia, and be admitted to practice before a state or federal court. U.S. citizenship is a requirement of the position, and the successful applicant must be able to obtain and maintain a SECRET clearance.

Interested attorneys may contact John Tew or Robert Smith, Assistant Directors, at (202) 685-7030 or (202) 685-7023, respectively, for additional information.

Applications should be submitted to:

Barry J. Plunkett III
Special Counsel for Litigation
Naval Litigation Office, Office of the General Department of the Navy
720 Kennon Street, S.E., Room 233, Building 36
Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5013

Electronic submissions are highly encouraged and should be sent to Robert J. Smith at Robert.j.smith2@navy.mil

This Personnel Notice will close on July 6, 2015 at 11:59 PM EST, and application packages must be received by that date to be considered.

If the successful applicant is not currently a member of the Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel, processing of the hiring action can only commence after submission of those items identified in the "Instructions for New OGC Attorneys" (see Careers section of www.ogc.navy.mil).

Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must specifically claim such eligibility in their cover letter, identify the basis for the claim, and include supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty or other supporting documentation) with their submission. Not all veterans are preference eligible. For a summary of time periods, campaigns, and conditions that entitle an applicant to preference eligibility, please visit www.opm.gov/veterans and review the "Vets Info Guide" and the "Vets Guide." There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference for attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel considers veterans' preference eligibility a positive factor in

the attorney hiring process. Applicants who do not claim and do not provide adequate supporting documentation for veterans' preference will not receive the positive factor consideration.

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Reasonable Accommodation Policy Statement:

https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Reasonable_Accommodation_Policy_Statement

Legal and Regulatory Guidance: https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Legal_and_Regulatory_Guidance

Relocation expenses are not available.

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The Department of the Navy provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should inform the individual identified in the personnel notice. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

VETERANS PREFERENCE IN HIRING

Department of the Navy attorney positions are in the excepted service, not the competitive civil service. There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of the Navy considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. If you are eligible for veterans' preference in hiring, you are encouraged to include that information in your application along with the supporting documentation, e.g., DD 214. Not all veterans are eligible for veterans' preference. To find out if you are, you may visit the Veterans' Preference Advisor, operated by the Department of Labor at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vets/vetpref/vetspref.htm>.